

EXHIBIT: #VI.B.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Steven L. Bowen, Commissioner*

DATE: July 10, 2013

SUBJECT: Approval to adopt proposed changes to Chapter 13, "Qualifying Examinations for Teachers, Educational Specialists, and Administrators"

BACKGROUND: On May 15, 2013, the Board voted to proceed with rulemaking on Chapter 13. On May 20, 2013, a proposal to make amendments to Chapter 13 was filed with the Secretary of State's Office. The amendments reflect changes made to examination test codes and qualifying scores as a result of a regular revision process made by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). The proposed changes were previously reviewed and approved by both the Certification and Higher Education Sub-Committee and the full State Board of Education. The newspaper advertisements appeared on May 29, 2013, indicating that there would be a public hearing on June 20, 2013, and that the comment period would run until July 1, 2013, at 5:00 PM. Given that only one public comment was received which led to a minor editing change, I am seeking the approval of the Maine State Board of Education to proceed with the final adoption of the proposed amendments.

RECOMMENDATION: The Certification and Higher Education Sub-Committee recommends approval of the amended Chapter 13.

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